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Dear Ms. Coleman,

The recently enacted "TREAD" act requires trailer manufactures to submit production and warranty complaint data for the past 10 and 3 years respectively. We will soon also be required to submit quarterly data on both these subjects. This letter is our formal request that this production and complaint data be treated as confidential information.

The only previous production data collection by a federal agency has been by the U.S. Bureau of Census but that was discontinued in January 2001. This monthly data collection was given total confidentiality.


Trailer industry production data that is otherwise being collected by independent for-profit firms is only released in aggregate form, individual submissions are not shared with clients. So being the data collected is kept strictly confidential.

The trailer manufacturing industry is extremely competitive. The publication of individual manufacturers production or warranty complaint data would disclose information that could be used by our competitors and adversely affect our standing in this industry.

For these reasons we are requesting that N.H.T.S.A. treat as strictly confidential all production and warranty claim data submitted by Polar Tank Trailer, LLC and PSC Custom, LP, with release of this data only as required and then only in the aggregate.

Sincerely,

POLAR TANK TRAILER, LLC


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